

OLC 401- Opinion Piece Format

The opinion piece has 5 paragraphs. After filling in a “Writing Series of Paragraphs Expressing an Opinion” handout, use the following template to help you write your opinion piece.

Paragraph #1- Introduction

- ✓ State your thesis (your “yes” or “no” statement)
- ✓ State your three supporting arguments

Example: Yes, I believe that Fellowes High School is the best High School in all of Renfrew County because, it has great school spirit, it offers great programs and because it has the best teachers in the entire county.

Paragraph #2- Body Paragraph #1

- ✓ Restate your thesis
- ✓ Restate your first supporting argument
- ✓ Expand and explain your FIRST supporting argument
- ✓ Conclude your body paragraph by writing “Therefore” and then restating your thesis and your FIRST supporting argument

Paragraph #3- Body Paragraph #2

- ✓ Restate your thesis
- ✓ Restate your SECOND supporting argument
- ✓ Expand and explain your SECOND supporting argument
- ✓ Conclude your body paragraph by writing “Therefore” and then restating your thesis and your SECOND supporting argument

Paragraph #4- Body Paragraph #3

- ✓ Restate your thesis
- ✓ Restate your THIRD supporting argument
- ✓ Expand and explain your THIRD supporting argument
- ✓ Conclude your body paragraph by writing “Therefore” and then restating your thesis and your THIRD supporting argument

Paragraph #5- Conclusion

- ✓ Write “Therefore”
- ✓ Restate your thesis and your three supporting arguments (your introduction)

